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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Election Requirement dated February 24, 2006, Applicant elects to prosecute the species of the Examiner's Group I, corresponding to Figures 1-2 and 5-17. Claims 1-3, 8-16, and 27-41 read on the species of Group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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